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**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: FRANZ-BACON, et al.

Examiner: S. Wegert

Serial No.: 09/099,898

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Title (as amended):  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A  
CYSTEINE RICH PROTEIN

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5 Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2001, Paper No. 13, for the above referenced application, Applicants submit the following amendment and response. Accompanying this response is a petition for a three-month extension of time and fee thereby extending the time to respond from July 11, 2001 to October 11, 2001.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 27 and 29, without prejudice.

**Remarks**

Claims 19-30 are pending in the present application. Claim 29 was withdrawn by the Examiner. Claims 19-28 and 30 were examined and rejected. Claims 27 and 29 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in subsequent divisionals.

Applicants believe that no new matter is added by the foregoing amendments. Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.